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AMENDMENT

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In response to the action mailed December 30, 2002, the Applicant requests that all of the claims be allowed in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks contained on the following sheets, a total of 11 sheets counting this one. Note that the following amendments (i) **raise no new issues that will require further consideration or search** and (ii) **only more clearly demarcate the scope of the claims so as to place them in condition for allowance without touching the merits of the application within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b).**

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Respectfully submitted,

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